

LIFETIMES



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You're invited!
Gateway's Annual Stewardship Banquet
Thursday November 18, 2004
7:00-9:00 pm at
the Galloping Hill Inn, in Union, N.J.



Our guest speaker will be:
Nancy Dykstra



Nancy has been the branch manager of Bethany Christian Services in Midland Park, New Jersey for the past 10 years.

She brings a wealth of information and real-life stories of women who chose “the adoption option”

The Banquet will feature..



**music by Bill Hinman
and testimonies by..**



Julie Tallaksen &



Kathy Johnson

(Each either placed for adoption, adopted a child or were themselves adopted through the ministry of Bethany)

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...

Rev. Dean Gavaris

Christopher Love (1618-1651) said this: Be sure you do not mistake moral persuasion to be the Spirit's working in you. Moral persuasions do not reach but to the outward man, but the Spirit's operations to the inward man. Moral persuasions only restrain in the acts of sin, but the Spirit's working debilitates the habits of sin. Moral persuasions only make a man forbear sin rather for fear of punishment than out of love to holiness, or hatred of sin with respect to God."

At Gateway, we share Christ with all who will listen because we know that a true moral change only takes place when there is a heart change .. when the living Jesus is accepted as Lord and Savior of ones life.

(The above taken from Gateway's training manual)

The Pain that Follows Abortion

By Joan Vitale, Associate Director

Post abortion trauma is a women's struggle to express and work through her thoughts and feelings about her pregnancy and abortion, and her striving to come to peace with herself and others (including God) over her choices and losses.



Many women we see at Gateway have had past abortions. There are some who rationalize their decision and make statements like "you've got to do what you've got to do" while others are deeply affected and open up their hearts and seek help.

Sad to say they are few so when we receive a phone call from such a woman who is suffering from abortions aftermath, or one of our clients agree to begin to work through her pain , we are there for her .

We offer to the women, a bible study, and we see the Spirit of God working in her life , bringing comfort and healing to her.. .because whom the Son sets free is free Indeed... John 8:36

If you, or someone you know, are struggling, trying to turn off the feelings and pain that follows abortion, you can contact us at the Irvington office at (973) 399-8378 or in Elizabeth (908) 353-0604.

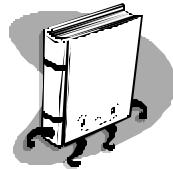
Some of the emotional affects of abortion are:

- Re-experiencing the abortion through memories or flashbacks. Feeling emotionally numb.
- Feeling overwhelmed by or diminished interest in performing normal tasks.
- Depression/uncontrollable crying/ isolating oneself from family and friends, avoiding social situations.
- Some women rely on alcohol or drugs to numb the pain.
- Sleep disturbances. Eating Disorders (anorexia, bulimia)
- Feeling afraid and a sense of doom about the future. Feelings of helplessness/ remorse.
- Desire to replace the baby... and the list goes on....

There are physical effects as well. Some women will experience some of these symptoms, others will experience most of them...



Joan at the Gateway display at Toys R Us (Elizabeth) on August 1st.



REAL LIFE STORIES



Arthur (age 32) came to Gateway-Irvington with his 20 year old girlfriend. We talked about the Lord. He made a commitment to Christ 2 months ago but admittedly hasn't lived as he should. Told him how he could from the Scriptures be sure of his salvation. He desired to repent and get his life back on track. Gave him the Jesus video and a New Testament.

WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

- January**
- 18 Budd Lake Chapel, Budd Lake, NJ – am SOHL
 - 22 Right to Life Rally in Trenton, NJ
 - 25 Grace Orthodox Presbyterian (Sunday School and am Sanctity of Life message)
- February**
- 6 West Essex Baptist Church (Livingston, NJ) youth group message on chastity
 - 21 Orchard Park CMA (Union, NJ) Baby Shower
- March**
- 7 Calvary Tabernacle (Elizabeth, NJ) am - Sanctity of Human Life message
 - 8 East Coast School of Urban Ministry, @ The Hope Center, Elizabeth, NJ
Dean and Joan teaching 3 of 7 sessions on CPC's Infant Adoption Awareness Training, Plainsboro, NJ - {Five of our staff took this 3-day training}
 - 23 Bethany Evangelical Free Church (W. Orange, NJ)
'Center for Champions' after school program – chastity talk to 6th to 10th grade girls
- April**
- 3 Timothy Christian School Parents "ACT" group: "Teaching Chastity To Youth" training
 - 16 Golf Rally @ Evangel Baptist, Springfield -eve
 - 21 Seton Hall University, S. Orange, NJ - Baby Shower & message on pregnancy / abortion
 - 23 Evangel Baptist, Springfield, NJ - Missions Conference message (pm) and Sat. breakfast
- May**
- 1 National Day of Prayer Breakfast (message) – W. Milford NJ
 - 15 First Annual Golf and Walk-for-Life
- June**
- 5 One-Day Adoption Training Seminar 8:30-4:30pm @ Evangel Baptist Church, Springfield, NJ
 - 10, 12, 17 and 19 - Gateway Volunteer Training
- August**
- First Filipino Baptist Church, Bayonne (youth group) 7:30- "The Harder Truth"
8:30 – "A Challenge to Purity"

September

- 16, 18, 23, and 25 – Gateway Volunteer Training
- 21- all day Stem Cell conference in NYC

October

- 6 – Parents Anonymous (Newark) Resource Fair. Message to small group on incarcerated males
- 10 – East End Baptist Church, Brooklyn (AIDS talk to 200 youth from the area: sponsored by Word of Life
- 16 - First Baptist Church, Union - Men's Breakfast message
- 24 - W. Essex Baptist Church, Livingston–Mission's Fair Garwood Presbyterian Church Baby Shower
- 25- NJ Crisis Pregnancy Directors meeting

November 2004

- 18 Gateway's annual Stewardship Banquet @ Galloping Hill Inn, Union, NJ

Lives affected 1985 through September 2004

| Women Seen | Babies Born | Coming to Christ |
|------------|-------------|------------------|
| 18,247 | 1,557 | 868 |

Learning and sharing



Rev. Dr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk shares a message on stem cells at a NYC conference we attended on September 21st.



Dean spent some time with Irvington **Mayor Wayne Smith** and had the opportunity to give him a Bible and an invitation to our upcoming banquet.

PICTURE GALLERY



The trainees from Gateways recent volunteer training (June 10, 12, 17 and 19, 2004)



Rev. Michael Westbrook, Gateway Board Chairman, brought his ministry trainees from Greater Life Newark to see and hear about the center in Irvington (June 4, 2004)



The youth group at First Filippino Baptist Church, Bayonne heard about abortion and the need for chastity. (August 4, 2004)



Dean shares about the need for moral purity to the teens at First Filippino Baptist in Bayonne.



Mary Ann Trotter poses with her helpers as they deliver dozens of items from the annual baby shower held for Gateway by St. Genevieve's in Elizabeth (September 19, 2004)

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